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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Roland SCHULE ET AL. : Group Art Unit: 1646  
Serial No.: 09/428,647 : Examiner: J. Murphy  
Filed: October 28, 1999 :  
For: USE OF SLIM3 FOR BINDING TO MOLECULES

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of identifying agents that regulate the transcriptional activating activity of human AR or ER $\beta$ , comprising:

contacting a cell expressing human androgen receptor (AR) or human estrogen receptor  $\beta$  (ER $\beta$ ), and, human skeletal muscle LIM protein (SLIM)3, or biologically-active-fragments thereof, with a test agent; and

determining whether said test agent regulates the transcriptional activating activity of human AR or human ER $\beta$ .